

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Agenda Minutes (Tuesday, October 25, 2022)

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Members Present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of October 18, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing - St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance - Proposed Revisions

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:06 a.m.

Present: John Houser, Assistant County Attorney
Joe Densford Attorney for Ethics Commission
David Willenborg, Chairman, Ethics Commission

Notice of the public hearing was published on October 7 and October 14, 2022, in Southern Maryland Newspaper. The public hearing is for public input on the proposed revisions to the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance.

Commissioner President Guy requested David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

No public comments given.

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an addition seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 9:16 a.m.

3. COMMENDATION

A Commendation was presented to Cynthia Dyson for her retirement.

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision - Solar Ordinance Text Amendment

I move to adopt the amendment to the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, Chapter 285, Schedule 50.4.97.a. Solar, Major, to only allow a Solar, Major facility to be located in the Rural Preservation District (RPD) as a Conditional Use and limited to brownfields or a landfill.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR NOVEMBER 1 AND NOVEMBER 15, 2022. There will be no Commissioners meeting on November 8, 2022.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SMCHD & SMCSO Detention and Rehabilitation Center's FY2023 Agreements for Jail Mental Health Services, Examination and Treatment Act (OCC), STOP, Five County, MCCJTP, PATH, and SOR II Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) - Carryover

I move to approve the FY2023 Agreements between the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center, for a total amount of \$1,177,341. I further move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents, including the closeout of US2307.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - ThinkBig Internet Service Provider (ISP) MOU

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understand between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and ThinkBig Networks LLC and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Program Open Space - FY2023 Grant Award

I move to approve and accept the FY2023 Program Open Space funding for the John Baggett Park Playground for (\$270,000) and the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (\$25,000) and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator

Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a) (1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:04 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of a member of a public agency.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 am.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 1, 2022.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator